

he left this Advice for his Countrymen to observe in all their Actions, that

“HONESTY is the best POLICY.”

On this Occasion the following Lines were written,

VIRTUE sincere needs no Defence,
No Arms but its own Innocence;
An honest Mind safely alone,
May travel thro' the burning Zone.

Among other Villanies which he confessed whilst in Confinement, was the following. One Day he and two more of his Companions met a reverend Divine, and thinking he had more Money about him than he gave them at their first Demand, they searched him all over, and not finding any, they took him into a lonesome Field, about a Mile from any House, and after threatening to take his Life, and bestowing some Blows on him, they not being content with robbing and beating him, consulted among themselves how they might carry their Barbarity farther, and at last they agreed to bind him

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to a Tree, as you may see, where as he was far



from Home, he must certainly have perished, had not a Farmer who was walking through the Field, and to whom it belonged, released him.

The Tinker owned the justness of his Sentence, but was very thankful for the Reprieve, and now hopes to spend the Remainder of his Life more agreeable to the Laws both of God and Man.

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